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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Hirofumi SAHARA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/802,859  
Filed: March 18, 2004  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD  
Group: 2182  
Examiner: N. Patel

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 31, 2005

Sir:

The following is in response to the May 18, 2005 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect without traverse Species IV, Figure 13 (claims 1-10 and 17) for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 1-10 and 17 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (1213.43667X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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